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Witness Tells of Borrowing To Help Garrison's Inquiry

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 25 (AP)—A New Orleans businessman testified today that he borrowed $30,000 from a bank to help finance District Attorn Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy and, he said, Mr. Garrison still owes him for it.

The testimony came in a hearing in Federal District Cou on a motion by Clay Shaw to prevent Mr. Garrison from taking him to court again, this time on a charge of lying to the jury that acquitted him in 1969 or conspiring to kill President Kennedy.

The witness, Willard Robertson, a car importer, said he had been president of an organization of businessmen formed to help finance the investigation by Mr. Garrison.

Mr. Robertson said he had no knowledge of how the mon was used and never asked for an accounting. He said he did not know the total amount the group gave Mr. Garrison.